

THIS BUILDING . . . was threatened with a shutdown last week.

Fireman Threatens Building Shutdown

By Dick Ulmer

UNO's continuing troubles with the Omaha Fire Department flamed up again last week, nearly resulting in a shutdown of the University's new College of Business Administration Building.

A stay of the OFD's evacuation order was finally achieved Friday, only after negotiations between university and fire officials yielded a UNO promise to crack down on fire code violations in the new building.

The episode began last Wednesday, according to Omaha Fire Marshall Willard Johnson, when a team from his office arrived on campus to inspect the air-handling units atop the CBA Building.

Fire Code Violations

"We had gone out to see that the units worked properly," said Johnson, but, while the inspection team was in the building, they noticed that students and faculty were "standing around watching the construction work" and that several fire doors had been propped open — both violations of the fire code.

Johnson said University officials had asked to occupy the upper floors of the CBA Building in January and were allowed to do so under some stipulations. Among the rules: that university and construction activities be kept separated, that the fire doors be operational and not restricted from closing and that a "fire watch" be provided until the building's final two detection devices were installed.

Evacuation By 10

Upon learning of the violations, Johnson called for evacuation of the building by 10 p.m. Wednesday night. Though the deadline was later moved to 10 p.m. Friday night, Johnson said Thursday, "We're going to move them out. The University didn't quite comply with the rules and regulations, so the building will be vacated."

Contacted Thursday, UNO Chancellor Ronald Roskens expressed concern about the order's possible disruptive effect on university activity and said he had assigned Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Mike Kallman to be the University's chief troubleshooter in possible negotiations with the fire department.

With the threat of a mass evacuation of personnel and equipment hanging over his head, Kallman met with the faculty headquartered in the building Thursday afternoon and then with fire officials on Friday morning.

More Guidelines

What came out of the Friday meeting was an agreement allowing the building to remain open if the fire department's guidelines are strictly followed. "We knew we were wrong," said Kallman, "All we were asking for was one more chance."

The second chance was allowed by Fire Chief Vernon Van Scoy, the top official in the OFD hierarchy. Asked why the fire department had "compromised" its earlier stand, Van Scoy replied, "This isn't a compromise. We've been reassured that the University will follow the orders of the fire department from now on."

Security Patrols

Kallman said that, in order to avoid a future shutdown of the CBA Building, students will be allowed in the building only if they "have business" inside. Campus Security will step up its patrols of the area and the building's first and lower floors will be completely sealed off from its upper portion with the exception of existing stairways.

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Employees Could Lose Benefits

By John McNamara

UNO C-line employees (clerks, secretaries, janitors, etc.) would lose more than half their pension benefits and many pension options if a bill currently before the Unicameral is passed, according to Dick Fielding of the Personnel Office.

LB532 would require all C-line employees to enter the state pension plan. University employees currently participate in a retirement plan handled by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF).

TIAA-CREF deducts a straight percentage of income for retirement which is then matched by the University. Four and a half percent is the standard deduction, but the plan allows for increased amounts at employees' discretion.

A- and B-line employees would still be allowed the option of participating in the TIAA-CREF or other retirement plan, but if they chose

not to do so they would also be required to enter the state plan.

Dick Noonan of the University Systems Office prepared a list of objections to the bill, including:

- the University work force would be denied full vestment until completing 10 years service (the TIAA-CREF plan offers immediate vestment).

- the state plan does not compute overtime wages as a part of salary contribution or as part of the high average monthly salary in calculating benefits (TIAA-CREF computes overtime wages).

- it creates a division in the benefits package by removing the employee from the University's pension plan while leaving the same employee in the University sponsored life, hospital-medical and long-term disability income plans.

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UNO's Total Worth Set at \$107 Million

An urban research specialist who recently completed a report measuring UNO's economic impact on the Omaha community says his study has no direct relationship to interests in the downtown educational center.

Dr. Ralph Todd, director of UNO's Center For Applied Urban Research (CAUR), said at a press conference Friday that some of the same people financing the downtown campus sit on the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. And the Chamber

of Commerce "often commissions us (CAUR) to research construction projects for the city."

"But don't read anything into this," Todd said. "It is just a coincidence our study would come out at the same time as the educational center question."

According to Todd, CAUR began work on the report late in September of '74, long before controversy of financing the downtown educational project had arisen.

"The entire reason for the study was to have a tangible measurement of the economic interrelationships between the university and the community," said Todd.

And the conclusion?

"UNO generates a local business volume of between \$107 million and \$118 million annually. The significant impact of this is the number of jobs generated because of these expenditures," said Todd.

The CAUR director noted, however, that UNO's initial annual expenditures are only \$32 million.

"This \$32 million is filtered down through community businesses, households and local government; this process of expenditure-income transformation has a multiplier effect which, in the end, generates nearly \$118 million in total revenue," said Todd.

Turning to the question of who financed the study and its total cost to the university, Todd, said "I can't give you what it cost us; we haven't put a figure on it." He continued, "There was no private firm that financed the study as such."

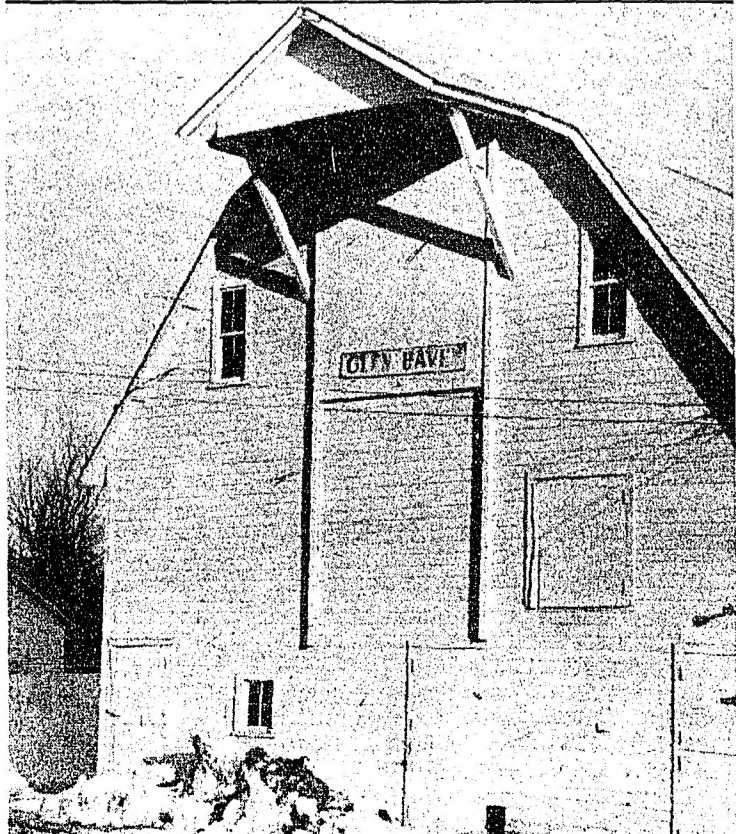
The Great Debate

UNO students will have a chance to see the candidates for Student Body President/Regent debate the issues in an open forum Friday in the Student Center Ballroom.

The 12 noon event is being sponsored by UNO's scholastic honorary fraternity — Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK). Students will be allowed to direct questions to the candidates.

ODK President Steve Seline said the candidates will be allowed five-minute opening statements and then questions will be asked from the floor.

The election is slated for March 12-14. Tickets are Rod Smith/Lou Anne Rinn, Clint Bellows/Julie Moorhead, Mike Nolan/Johnny Harrison, Mark E. Thompson/Mark S. Thompson, and Robert Kugler/Sue Giffin.



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is UNO's "Little House on the Prairie." Story Page 6.

C-Line Pensions . . .

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— it provides no "grandfather" clause for employees already enrolled in TIAA-CREF.

— it raises the early retirement age for higher education personnel from 55 to 60 years.

— it requires mandatory entry after one year of service, when federal law allows for a three year waiting period for plans which are 100 percent vested by that time; the state plan does not vest fully for 10 years, the TIAA-CREF Plan vests immediately, requiring the three-year waiting period.

— it prohibits entry after age 60 and contributions after age 65 (TIAA-CREF allows both).

— requires participation by the employee at age 25 (TIAA-CREF allows the employee to wait till age 30).

Fielding compiled a hypothetical comparison of benefits of both plans; assuming the employee was 30 years old at entry into the plan and retired at age 65, with an annual salary of \$8,000. Under the state pension plan the annual benefits would total \$3,920.04 after retirement. Benefits provided by the TIAA-CREF plan would total \$8,112.00 a year. The figures used in compiling the state plan totals were from the state formula, as given in LB-532.

The major impact of the plan, Fielding said, was that it would "transfer control of the pension plan from the Board of Regents to the state retirement board. This would remove the plan's flexibility. Presently, changes must be approved through the Board of Regents, which is easier to deal with than the legislature. Once passed, LB-532 would make the plan law and it would require legislation to alter it in any way."

Fielding said the purpose of the bill is to make the state retirement system uniform, and he said he felt it might benefit some state employees. But he added, he "hasn't noticed any advantages for the University."

He called the present plan "superior in almost every way."

The UNO-Educational Office Personnel Association, the UNL-Office Personnel Association, the University of Nebraska Fringe Benefits Committee, the UNO Legislative Action Council and the UNO Staff Advisory Council have all taken stands of opposition to the bill's passage.

Public hearings on LB-532 are being held this week at the Unicameral in Lincoln.

LETTERS

Dear Messrs. Ulmer and Rife:

Today I have sent the enclosed congratulatory note to Mike Massey and SPO. I strongly believe that when students do a superb job, in the classroom or elsewhere, they should be apprised of it and of one's own appreciation of that fact.

Which observation brings me to the Gateway(s). In my eight years at UNO, the journalistic variety and quality of the Gateway has never been higher. Keep it up; you are setting a precedent that could become the envy of your successors.

Sincerely,
H. Carl Camp
Chairman, Department
of Political Science

Dear Editor,

The Student Senate on this campus has performed with concern and dedication for quite some time, without the

type of childish maneuvering and political grandstanding attempted by Mike Nolan last Thursday evening.

In a performance equal to an award winner's, Mr. Nolan swore he would resign from the race for the Student Presidency.

When he was confronted with an alleged campaign violation, he stormed off filled with contempt at a time when cool heads should have prevailed. And thus through dubious practice, was rewarded for his technique by the Senate in a resolution which I find hardly deserves that body's name attached to it, and which I am compelled to veto.

In doing so I truly hope that the race for office can be one which is run on more rational grounds, more consistent with the goals of working for the student body rather than contrary to it.

Jim D. Sherrets
SGA President

'Women Only' Scholarships Offered

Applications for two Phi Gamma Delta scholarships, the \$150 Nelle Boyer and \$150 Mary Ellen Patterson scholarships, are now being accepted from women graduate students who have been admitted to candidacy for a graduate degree and are currently taking six or more credit hours.

Applications will be taken until March 21 in the Graduate office, Admn. 201. A letter of recommendation from a graduate faculty member is required. The Dean for Graduate Studies will select the winners.

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Nebraska Taxpayers Finance Free Tickets For Politicians

By Brian Zdan

Nebraska taxpayers are apparently picking up the bill for almost 3,600 complimentary Cornhusker football tickets given annually to government officials and the press.

Richard L. Fleming, UNL information director, said the chancellor's office at the Lincoln campus purchased 3,583 passes during the 1974 season, with funds from the General University Expense budget line.

The General University Expense fund receives its monies from state tax receipts.

Five Grand for Tickets

In a statement issued late last month, Fleming reported the UNL Chancellor turned over \$5,374.50 to the school's athletic department in exchange for home game seats in Memorial Stadium and the press box. Half of the \$1.50 cost per ticket went to the school's football opponents, while the remaining 75 cents per ticket stayed in UNL athletic department coffers.

Responding to the question of distributing complimentary tickets, Fleming stated:

"There is no question that providing tickets to these individuals (government officials and newsmen) contributes to good will. However, the receipt of a complimentary ticket does not necessarily translate to future favorable action by the recipient towards the University . . .

Good Treatment 'Not Expected'

"The University does not request or expect favorable treatment in return for complimentary tickets." He noted that government officials receive their passes with a letter that reads: "I am enclosing your season tickets to the 1974 football games. We are pleased to provide these tickets and hope you enjoy the games."

Politicians Gain

Governor J. James Exon receives four press box and 10 stadium season passes every fall. UNL presents two season tickets each to the state's U.S. Senators, the lieutenant governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general, the state treasurer and the state auditor.

Each member of the Nebraska Unicameral gets a pair of season tickets. During 1974, the Lincoln Chancellor gave 96 such passes to the Legislature. The University also invites the Senators to sit in the press box for one game per season.

Ten Apiece for Regents

Two press box and 10 stadium season tickets go to each member of the NU Board of Regents. Both of Omaha's voting Regents, James Moylan and Kermit Hansen, admitted they gave their stadium tickets to others, but declined to name the recipients.

When the Gateway contacted Moylan by telephone, he initially said his passes go to "people who have a hard time getting tickets (to Cornhusker games)." He was then asked if possible benefit to the University effected his distribution of the 10 tickets!

"I have to take a look at the whole University picture," responded Moylan, indicating he gave his tickets to "prominent citizens who have done things for the University."

PR Not Indicated

Hansen's season passes go to "those who enjoy the game, and have an interest in the University." The Omaha banker confessed "there is also a hope" that the recipients might give favorable treatment to the school, but "public relations is never indicated" when dispensing the tickets.

Hansen preferred not to reveal the names of the beneficiaries because "the subject wasn't, in their eyes, a matter of public information."

UNO Student Body President Jim Sherrets did not become a member of the Board of Regents until after the conclusion of the 1974 football season. Next fall's president will consequently be the first UNO Student Regent to qualify for the dozen Cornhusker tickets.

"Distribution of these so-called 'free' tickets can be beneficial to the University, if used properly," maintained Sherrets. He said the policy could be used "like a lobby."

The student president cautioned, however, that the Board of Regents has discussed modifying the complimentary ticket program. The change may effect the number of passes for the entire Board, he said.

Roskens Sees Huskers

Also receiving a pair of Cornhusker season tickets, compliments of Nebraska taxpayers, are the mayor of Lincoln, all former governors and past NU Regents, former Chancellors, and University President D. B. Varner.

UNO Chancellor Ronald Roskens told the Gateway he gets two stadium season tickets from his counterpart in Lincoln. He said he and his wife attended "about three-fourths of the home games" last fall. For the remaining contests, "my wife usually took one of the kids (to watch the Cornhuskers)," he said.

Press Gets 204

The UNL Chancellor's office provides other state officials, unnamed by Fleming, with two pairs of season passes. A total of 204 tickets per game are distributed among Nebraska newspapers, radio stations, and television outlets.

In addition, Fleming reported "Two tickets are provided to at least one game to each of 215 newspapers, 50 radio stations and nine television stations. Various University guests and officials are invited to sit in the press box or the stadium at each home game."

James Zumberge, Chancellor of the Lincoln campus, has mentioned the idea of reducing or eliminating complimentary football tickets, according to Fleming. In a Feb. 17 memo to President Varner, Zumberge requested a meeting to discuss the subject.

Expense Fund

The General University Expense Fund, besides paying for complimentary passes, also finances motor pool rentals, graduation receptions, administrative handbooks, reports from the Chancellor, maps of the Lincoln campus and additional activities.

Because of rising costs and tight budgets, Fleming said Zumberge is reviewing various Chancellor-administered programs to find possible ways of trimming his office's expenses.

bulletin box

Four Choirs Return

Four choirs, composed of 200 persons, will perform tonight in the MBSC Ballroom.

Billed the "Caravan of Choirs" the 7:30 p.m. program will feature the Faith Temple Choir, the Salem Baptist Choir, the Bethel Baptist Inspirational Choir and the Katherine Thomas Singers.

Dean Tickets Going

Got your tickets to the John Dean lecture yet? If not, the right time might be now.

SPO Chairman Gary Elts said he is "overwhelmed" by the great number of tickets already sold. He said mail orders have been received from Missouri, South Dakota and outstate Nebraska.

Student tickets are \$1.50.

Nominate Your Prof

Nominations for the UNO

Great Teacher Award are currently being accepted, according to Dr. Wayne Wilson, chairman of the University's Honors and Awards Committee.

Wilson said any student faculty member of alumnus may make a nomination. Appropriate forms are available in the Student Senate Office, University Senate Office, Academic Deans' Offices, the Office of the Provost, Alumni Office and the Information Office in the Student Center.

Vets Rendezvousing

UNO's Vets Club will meet today in room 302 MBSC at 3:30 p.m. Valuable new information concerning vets benefits and the club.

Ruskie Interview

Walter Cronkite's revealing interview with author Alexan-

der Solzhenitsyn will be shown at 1:30 and 8 p.m. in the Eppley Conference Center on Thursday, March 6. Copies of Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago" will be available at the showings sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom, according to Chairman Joe Osthoff.

Direct the Window

Applications are now being taken for director of the Electric Window. Apply in the Student Government Office, 232 MBSC.

Tamale Power

Noted Chicano writer, speaker and activist Corky Gonzales will present a lecture next Wednesday, March 12, in the MBSC Ballroom at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Debate Heats Up

By Ed Meehan

After the smoke cleared from the most heated debate to occur in the Student Senate this semester, one person was threatened with ejection, Speaker Rich Hood was strongly criticized for his handling of the meeting and Mike Nolan said he would withdraw from the race for student body president.

It all started Thursday night when Hood told Nolan, a graduate college senator, that he must get approval from the senate before his student organization could pass out campaign literature. Nolan and his group have been distributing fliers announcing Nolan's candidacy bid, his running mate (Johnny Harrison) and the basis for the organization.

"Not An Organization"

But Nolan said his group, the Campus Solidarity Coalition, was not a student organization, but a campaign organization, and therefore not subject to the senate's consent. He also said that whether he wins or loses the race, his group would disband after the election.

According to Nolan's handbill, his group was formed to "regain control of student fees by students, reorient the university toward academic excellence, provide a forum for students to overcome their differences, and find the broad common ground for students and faculty."

Hood said "I have no intent of debating anyone's election or anyone's candidacy. This was brought here as a violation of the rules committee rules, the student government rules, and the university policies in recognition of organizations on campus."

Malone Ejected

As Hood continued to speak, John Malone, one of Nolan's campaign workers, began to shout that Senate Speaker Hood was too opinionated, and he should pass the gavel, step down and raise his hand to speak like anyone else. He continued to criticize Hood's parliamentary procedures until Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Killion was asked to keep the peace.

Treasurer Colleen Gregory said, "This Nolan group is like a shell group. Corporations use shell groups for temporary purposes. When you have a special situation where this shell group is not like the other organizations on campus, then special rules are made."

She added that the "senate should seek the intent of the Campus Solidarity Coalition, and if it's not going to do any harm or be in violation of UNO's policy on organizations, then it should be able to continue in operation."

Other Groups

Gregory also stated that she knows of several groups on campus that haven't been recognized by the senate, but are alive and functioning. She didn't name the groups referred to.

Nolan said a group called the Student Alumni Project was given temporary recognition in 1970 in order that they could pass out campaign literature on campus. "I've looked at the campaign rules," Nolan remarked, "and I do not see where I've violated either the spirit or the letter of those rules."

Hood then turned to the rest of the senate and said, "Are you going to listen to the plea of

one person. Think of the 14,000 students who are being deceived by thinking there is such an organization like this on campus."

In disgust, Nolan picked up his belongings and left the room.

Through 'Inquisition'

After a few more minutes of debate, Nolan returned and said, "I don't know what I've done to irritate Rich (Hood), but I feel like I just went through an inquisition. Anyway, I think that Student Government is more important than any divisiveness this issue has created. So I intend to withdraw, tomorrow morning, from the presidential race."

Nolan continued, "This whole thing has eclipsed issues that are more important. When you realize how screwed up the fee structure is on campus, when the amount of outlays from the general fund of the legislature are lower for this campus than any other, and how this has caused the chancellor to cut funds from one of our sources, student fees, to fund some pet projects around here," Nolan stated, "it just seems to me that to spend more than ten minutes on this ridiculous matter insults the intelligence of students." Nolan turned and left for the remainder of the night.

Nelson Unhappy

Reacting in response to Nolan's departure, newly-appointed senator Gary Nelson said, "I came on this senate two weeks ago hoping I might learn something. Unfortunately, I heard comments from a lot of students that the senate isn't worth a shit. And when this group can form and blackball another individual from running for political office," Nelson continued, it's horrible. And when it gets back to the students, and when we're supposed to be the voice of the students, it's going to reflect upon us."

Jurgensen, Too

Senator Margie Jurgensen then stood up and said, "I've been involved, since 1968, in presidential campaigns, state campaigns, county campaigns and city campaigns. Every god-damned piece of literature is vague. This (Nolan's literature) is considerably more exact than any piece of literature that you'll receive from Mike Albert or George McGovern."

"I think it's sad," Jurgensen added, "that we get hung up on words. Coalition — it's the same thing as a party. It's a sad situation that the senate gets bogged down on such trite, insignificant things."

Finally, as emotions subsided, a motion was offered and passed to formally apologize to Nolan.

Resolutions considered:

- 1) Calling for investigation into priorities and equibilities of the collegiate athletic program on campus. **Passed by voice vote.**
- 2) Placing referendum on ballot concerning use of student fees for support of football program and other athletic endeavors. **Passed by voice vote.**
- 3) Election of new arts and science senator John Collins. **Won with 13 votes.**
- 4) Budget Committee to allocate \$1,000 to the art forum for show and sculpture contest. **22 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.**
- 5) Allocation of \$50 to the Square Mavericks. **20 yes, 2 no, 3 abstentions.**
- 6) Allocation of \$216 to the PEMM Club. **7 yes, 16 no, 1 abstention.**
- 7) Allocation of \$750 to the wrestling team to attend national tournament. **11 yes, 11 no, 1 abstention.**
- 8) To strongly denounce administration's mismanagement of Fund B1 and that \$750 for the wrestling team should come from that fund. **Passed by voice vote.**



Half Run Unopposed

Nearly half the individuals vying for seats on the Student Senate in next week's election are already assured of victory. They are running unopposed.

The senate election is scheduled for next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 12-14 in conjunction with the Student Body President/Vice President Election.

Senate seats up for grabs include at least one from each of the University's colleges and classes, but tough races appear to be in the offing in only two divisions — the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business Administration.

Contesting three Arts and Sciences slots are veteran senators Bill Schiffbauer and Bill Spracklin and newcomers John McNamara, John Davis, Mary Lynn Zabawa, Jon Collins and Ronald Ahrens.

Vying for three Business seats are William Van Haaften, Mark Angell, Judith Vrana, Walter Hanford and Ranae Raasch.

Following are the open seats and the names of those who have filed for them. A final category includes students who filed for seats for which the Registrar's office had not cleared them by press times.

Engineering (2)

Karen Rodgers

Education (2)

Marvin Beck

Home Economics (1)

Melissa Swaggard

CPACS (1)

Zenola Hilliard

Frank Velinsky

Arts and Sciences (3)

William Spracklin

John McNamara

John Davis

Mary Lynn Zabawa

Jon Collins

Ronald Ahrens

Business (3)

William Van Haaften

Mark Angell

Judith Vrana

Walter Hanford

Ranae Raasch

Graduate College (3)

Michael O'Conner

Kathy Stockham

Patricia Garrighan

Fine Arts (1)

Open

CCS (2)

Douglas Reid

Gary Nelson

Sophomore (2)

Charlotte Murphy

Dennis Cullen

Junior (2)

Richard Hood

Margret Jurgensen

Senior (2)

Cynthia Anderson

Grad. Class (2)

Quinn Smith

University Division (1)

Mark Bowen

Status Unsure

Harold Chase (CPACS)

Steven Shovers (Grad. Col.)

Jane Swanson (Jr.)

Richard Siref (Sr.)

Kulger: 'Student Senate Being Strangled'

With the UNO student presidential election only a week away, another candidate has revealed his platform.

Candidate Robert Kulger says "the Student Senate has been trying hard but is being strangled by the administration."

Part of Kulger and running mate Sue Giffin's campaign blueprint calls for alleviating what they claim is an administrative "stranglehold" on the senate's power.

Kulger says Chancellor Ronald Roskens has been "conveniently" ignoring Student Government authority.

"Most of their stuff (proposals) ends up in file 13 in the chancellor's office where it is conveniently forgotten about," Kulger asserts. "If the Chancellor isn't going to listen to the senate, then something must be done."

Although Kulger says he doesn't have a specific battle-

plan for changing this condition, he says that he will seek a more equitable division of power between the Faculty and Student Senates.

"If given the chance, I think that both senates should have equal input into the system and not the one-sided way it is now."

Meanwhile, Kulger/Giffin say

revitalization of Student Government is not the only issue in their platform.

The team, summarizing their overall campaign, say they will speak to "the parking issue, student control over the Student Center operations and possible day-care centers on campus."

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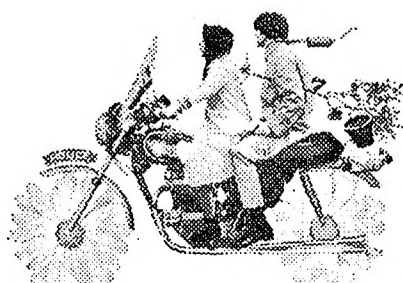
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Smith/Rinn Reveal Election Platform

Parking? Stronger communication with the students? Medical and Legal services for the students? Upgrading UNO as an institution of higher education? Making life better for students on campus?

Presidential candidate Rod Smith says if there is one main issue in his ticket's platform, it would be finding a solution to the University's parking woes.

However in a list of priorities, Smith asserts, "there is not what I would call a 'label' key-issue in our campaign."

Smith, a graduate student in political behavior, says that he and running-mate Lou Ann Rinn "want to concentrate on making life better for the student on the UNO campus."

And he contends, "that if elected I will work my ass off to help solve students problems."

What Smith and Rinn envision in their quest for executive offices are improvements in the conditions "revolving around student life on campus."

"Under the category of parking," the candidate says, "are first restriping the lots and removing meridians which have compacted lot size. They've been discussing this plan a long time now (in the chancellor's parking committee hearings) and there's been unnecessary delay. It should be done before this August."

"Secondly, remote parking should be considered again, but not haphazardly like it was done in the past. We don't want the sham that became of Ak-Sar-Ben's remote parking."

"The third tactic is pushing for a hire-rise. And fourth, is opposition to Chancellor Roskens' parking proposal."

On stronger communication with the students, the Smith/Rinn team suggests the reestablishment of the UNO council of Presidents — a meeting of all campus organization leaders.

"The presidents of all the organizations on campus would meet to discuss problems. The way it is now, individual campus groups experience similar problems but have to suffer through their own growing pains. With a regular session and organizational interaction, not only would communication ties be strengthened, but a mutual effort would be put forth to relate to each other's needs."

Considering other points in Smith/Rinn platform, one might expect a different form of student medical insurance and possible legal aid.

Smith claims that he would upgrade student services by "establishing an attorney's service for the students."

He also says there "is no comparison between Blue-Cross Blue Shield medical insurance and the current student hospitalization policies being offered at UNO."



Chi Omegas Debbie Johnson, NeNe Vodra and Mary Joachim . . . on the balcony of their new chapter house.

Chi Omegas Purchase House

by Dick Ulmer

Being far from your traditional university, UNO tradition was bound to be broken in an untraditional sort of way.

So, when the Chi Omega sorority recently became the first UNO Greek organization to establish an official "house," I really didn't know what to expect.

Conditioned to sorority houses by a combination of '50's movies (a timeworn house mother, regimentation and upturned noses) and tales of more recent vintage (dope sales on the third floor, free sex on the second and the same old upturned noses on the first), I approached the Chi O house on a recent morning unsure of what kind of scene this would be.

Situated two blocks north of 89th and Dodge, the house's location is certainly different. It's flanked on the east by two restaurants and on the west by a huge parking lot — no "Greek Row" here.

The revelations continued when I was

greeted at the door by two of the house's residents — Chi O President NeNe Vodra and Mary Joachim. The exterior of the place had looked as if it could use a paint job, but I soon found the interior both clean and tastefully decorated.

More stereotypes were shattered when I sat down to chat with the girls. Inquiring as to the whereabouts of the house mother, I was informed that Mary is the "house director." A recent UNO graduate, she looks as young as the rest of the Chi O's.

My visions of a "liberated" establishment began to intensify upon hearing a Jim Morrison vocal wailing down from upstairs, but then we talked about house rules.

According to Mary, alcohol is verboten ("It creates more problems than it would be worth and there are plenty of bars nearby.") and male visitors aren't allowed to spend the night. (I didn't even bother to ask about dope.)

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Chancellor Ronald Roskens presents Sigma Nu President Mike Bass with a check for \$212. Bass is the winner of Inter Fraternity Council's first annual Greek raffle.

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'Window' Shift Proposed

A minor reorganization in the management of the Electric Window may put it under the control of the Academic Resources Center (ARC), says Student Body President Jim Sherrets.

The move, says Sherrets, would provide budgetary advantages to the Electric Window. The direct control of the service will allow ARC to provide parttime help in addition to the single fulltime employee operating the Window.

Sherrets recently said his plans are not yet finalized but will be submitted to the Student Senate sometime before next year's budget is completed. "Hopefully the new system of supervision will result in the Electric Window being open more hours," he added.

The Electric Window is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.,

and weekday evenings from six to eight. Training sessions are conducted on Monday and Thursday evenings at six p.m.

Student Center Director Donald Pflasterer says that his office merely provides a space for the Electric Window. The service is run through Student Government. "We're going to exercise more control over the housekeeping (there)," notes Pflasterer.

The new budget will not likely contain funds for the color porta-pac unit requested by Gavin Watt, former Electric Window manager. Watt recently resigned when it was disclosed that Watt neglected to register for classes this semester. He is being replaced by Jim Nelson, a Communications major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Nelson's selection as interim director of the "Window" was approved by the senate Thursday. A permanent director will be chosen when the new senate is elected.

Poska: Day Care May Have Drawbacks

A day care specialist, perhaps sensing competition to his business may soon increase, says he believes there may be drawbacks to establishing a center at UNO.

Sherm Poska, director of the Wee Care Day Care Center at the Downtowner Motor Inn, spoke to a group of students (including Student Vice President Kathy Stockham) who are interested in establishing such a center on campus.

Poska said the project would be impractical for a number of

reasons.

Student Help Unreliable

Student help, for example, "would be unreliable. They might not come to work because of an upcoming test," Poska said.

He said space would also be a problem, since federal standards require 350 square feet for every 100 children.

As an alternative to day care on campus, Poska said he could make arrangements to facilitate UNO students. "We went into it (day care) with hopes of developing a good relationship with UNO," Poska said.

Overstated Need

He suggested that a survey be conducted on campus to see how much of a need there is for day care because "we (students) may be overstating the need."

Members of the Student Senate will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center's Room 314 to discuss ideas and a plan of action. The meeting is open to all students.

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Regents Priorities to be Scrutinized

How does the Unicameral view the priorities of the Regents and Governor Exon? Some indication may come at this week's Budget Committee hearings.

The senators will examine the Regents' priority listing of capital construction projects as well as the proposals for those requests by Gov. J. James Exon and the Fiscal Legislative Analyst.

UNO fared better with the FLA than with Exon's office: of a total request for \$7,276,866 in capital construction funds, Exon has proposed UNO receive \$15,000. \$10,000 would be used for initial planning of the Downtown Education Center and the remaining \$5,000 would be used to renovate the Center for Urban Education.

The FLA recommended UNO receive \$150,000, all to be used for general renovation of existing University buildings.

Exon also recommended the Systems Office receive \$407,266 for removal of University-wide fire and safety defects. The Systems Office would then determine how much of this UNO would receive. The FLA proposed giving the Systems Office \$1,186,866 for removal of the defects. \$1,636,866 had been requested, with UNO asking \$456,866.

The committee will also hear public testimony concerning the University operating budget for 1975-76. UNO has requested \$18,442,825 and Exon has already indicated that he would like to see some cuts, mainly in the area of faculty and staff pay increases. The University is asking for a 13% salary increase, Exon would cut this to 5% plus \$465.

The legislature is also expected to give a long hard look at a \$190,492 request for hiring new personnel to maintain the new classroom building.

Vetter Is Better

Bobbie Vetter, staff assistant in the Business and Finance Office, is UNO's Employee of the Month for March.

She is a graduate of UNO and

holds a degree in Business Education.

Chancellor Ronald Roskens will present Vetter with a citation and a \$50 gift certificate.

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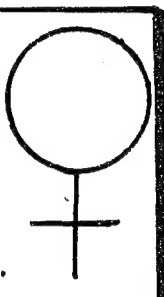
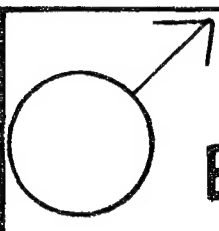
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UNO Shows Off 'Farm Charm' at Prairie Site

By Brian Zdan

A coyote darts through waist-high prairie grass in pursuit of its fleet-footed prey. Muskrats slither down a muddy knoll into an ice-cold pond. In the nearby farm yard, the "barned up" hay harvest is inspected by a UNO professor.

Yep, a UNO professor

Despite the school's reputation as an urban institution without an agriculture department, the coyote, muskrats and farm yard are all realities at UNO. But you won't find any bales of hay near the Fieldhouse.

The University shows off its country charm at Allwine Prairie Preserve, a stretch down the road past Irvington on the way to Bennington. The folks over at the biology department run the place.

Allwine Donation

A full quarter section (that's 160 acres, for city-slickers) of the farm was donated to UNO by A. A. Allwine in 1959 for use as a research area. Biologists have recently seeded the Preserve with native grasses to reestablish prairie conditions of pre-frontier Nebraska.

Five biology department members comprise a committee that administers the property, according to Bill Erwin, one of the group. He and Roger Sharpe direct maintenance at the farm.

The three other committee members — botanists Tom Bragg and David Sutherland, and zoologist Richard Stasiak — direct research in the Preserve. Sharpe oversees the area's general management.

Nine Varieties

In 1970, UNO biologists first introduced tall prairie grasses at Allwine Preserve. Erwin said his group used a seed mixture of nine varieties of grass indigenous to this area.

Yet Erwin believes decades will pass before the quarter section approximates the "Great American Desert" of yesteryear. "And even then, it won't be exactly like the prairie, since we're working with such a small area," he predicted.

A Nebraska grassland also contains forbs, or wildflowers. So the immediate goal of the committee is to add these plants to the grasses already growing at the Preserve. Botanist Sutherland is piloting efforts to establish the wildflowers.

Cold and Wet

As a specialist in Plains flora, Sutherland noted regional plants require a cold, wet, winter-like period before their seeds will sprout. He intends to sow some forb seeds in the fall, hoping the plants will germinate by spring, 1976.

Sutherland said he will introduce other varieties by transplanting their seedlings at Allwine Prairie this spring. His stratification process — refrigerating the seeds between moist filter paper — shortens the forbs' winter requirement to about four weeks. The seeds are then transferred to a greenhouse for germination.

The most ambitious part of the forb project was collecting the seeds, observed Sutherland. He and Bragg spent several afternoons plucking wildflowers from nearby fields, then spent more time in the laboratory separating seeds from the plants.

"Can't Buy Forbs"

"You just can't buy forb seeds from a catalog," commented Sutherland.

When planting season arrives, the botanist hopes to recruit faculty groups and biology classes to set the seedlings in plots and among the grasses at the Preserve.

To simulate prairie conditions, the UNO scientists use regular mowing and burning to control vegetation growth. It was partly due to destructive prairie fires, indicated Irwin, that few trees grew in the sodbusters' Nebraska.

Within a few years, Erwin thinks the Allwine Prairie could be



In contrast to the compact steel-and-concrete appearance of the University's Dodge Street campus, this section of UNO property will provide ample "green space" in the spring.

self-sustaining, except for fees to the resident caretaker. The caretaker, who also works at the UNO greenhouse on campus, lives with her family at the Allwine farmhouse rent-free. She does pay utility bills.

Prairie Produces

Through regular hay harvests, the Preserve has been producing about \$500 income annually. The committee's goal, according to Erwin, is to eventually turn 50 acres of native grasses into high-quality hay.

Visits to Allwine Prairie Preserve must be arranged through the biology department. Currently, classes studying botany and zoology use the property for field research. The Preserve's two small ponds provide a living laboratory for UNO limnology students.

Officials of the county extension service show the Preserve to farmers interested in prairie restoration, reported Erwin. He said his group is trying to keep out uninvited pheasant hunters and snowmobile drivers, who might upset research projects within the quarter section.

Grads Collect Data

The biologists maintain a colony of bees at Allwine Preserve as an experimental project. Graduate students are also there to collect base-line data for comparison with statistics to be compiled over the years.

Though UNL's department of agriculture administers its own prairies, Sutherland stated that the UNO Allwine project is the only one in the region concerned with prairie restoration. Researchers at the Lincoln campus are also investigating native forbs.

As a natural prairie, Allwine Preserve's wildflowers should produce "a riot of blossom from June through the fall," explained Sutherland. He indicated that native forbs are gaining popularity with local gardeners.

CBA Building . . .

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Despite this and previous fire code incidents, Chancellor Roskens said he doesn't feel UNO is being "picked on" by the fire department. "I don't think there's been any attempt to harass the University," said Roskens.

"This does reflect a more stringent application of the rules though," he added.

Sorority House . . .

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What the girls appear to be living is the typical Middle American lifestyle and they seem content with it.

The reason for the house, according to Mary, twofold — it's cheaper than living in an apartment and yet gives sorority members "a chance to learn a lot about getting along with other people."

Since the house only has room for eight live-in residents, members will reside there in six-month shifts, starting with upperclasswomen.

According to Mary, the house is being leased for three years from the Lakin Corporation, owners of the office building across the parking lot. She said the house will probably not be a permanent institution, since it is built on land that "would be a prime location for commercial use."

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SPORTS

Mavericks Blast Antelopes With 65% Shooting

By Herb Vermaas

UNO's cagers had their "pistols loaded," as they shot down Kearney State, 96-83 in their season finale at the Fieldhouse last Thursday night, avenging an earlier 94-89 loss to the Antelopes in Kearney.

It was a highnote performance in two categories — UNO scored a season high of 96 points — and shot a blistering 65.2 percent from the field.

The Antelopes were without their superstar, Tom Kropp, who passed out in Greenwood, Nebr. enroute to the game. But as Kearney State Coach Jerry Hueser put it, "It would have taken several Tom Kropps to beat that kind of shooting."

Mavs Were Hot

The Mavericks were so hot, it seemed like they owned the court. At times, it looked like a "bunch of basketballs" falling through the hoop at once.

The night supposedly belonged to the four graduating seniors (Pat Roehrig, Steve Fleming, Jim Lund, and Randy Worth). But two underclassmen — sophomore forward Dennis Forrest, and junior guard Leo Grimes "stole the show," as they tied for game scoring honors with 26 points apiece.

Both were "hotter than a pistol" from the field. Grimes was torrid, as he hit 13 out of 15

shots from the floor. Forrest was a little cooler, but he still made 12 out of 17 shots from the field.

Grimes and Forrest both admitted they had their shooting touch in full gear. But each man had his own explanation.

Grimes 'Felt Good'

"I just felt good tonight," notes Grimes. "After I took several shots from the field, and saw them drop in, I just knew it would be my night."

"Actually, what made it easier was the fact that they were trapping at halfcourt. That's why we had a man open most of the time."

Forrest had this to say about his performance: "It was all right, man. My touch finally came. I think the defensive practices we had made me much better offensively."

Dominated Boards

The Mavericks dominated the boards, too. Forward Ken Pemberton grabbed 11, Roehrig had 10, and Forrest added 8, as UNO outrebounded Kearney State 46-25.

Even though UNO was hot all night, when they did miss, they got second and third shots at the basket. Whereas, Kearney State could manage just one shot at the hoop most of the time.

Coach Bob Hanson, while sorry that Kropp could not play, lauded his club for playing "heads

up" basketball.

"I thought our zone defense was outstanding. Our rebounding was superb, all three of our frontliners positioned themselves well. And Leo Grimes and Dennis Forrest shot sensationally from outside."

Mavs Gain NCAA Bid

The UNO Basketball Mavericks, 16-10 on the season, have won the right to compete in the NCAA Division II Regionals at Grand Forks, North Dakota Friday night at 7:00 P.M.

The Mavericks will take on North Central Conference runner-up Augustana. Other teams include North Dakota, the host school and defending North Central Conference Champion, and Missouri-Rolla.

According to UNO Athletic Director Don Leahy seating for the tournament is as follows: North Dakota is seated number one, Augustana number two, UNO number three and Missouri-Rolla, fourth.

Bunny Paul Sorenson Heads Recruit List

By John Fey

Benson High's Paul Sorenson heads the list of Maverick football recruits, in what Coach Bill Danenhauer terms "the best recruiting year UNO has had in my six years here."

Sorenson, the All-Metro, All-State offensive tackle, turned down four Big Eight and three Big Ten letters of intent in tabbing UNO. The 6'3", 215 lb. prospect was hailed by Danenhauer as "the top recruit" so far.

While citing Sorenson as the top prospect, Danenhauer was quick to point out two other recruits.

The Maverick head mentor rates Mike Goetz, an offensive tackle from Burke, and Bill Auxier, a center from Benson, as comparable to Sorenson.

In accordance to NCAA rules, UNO has only 30 allotted scho-

larships, and thus far has signed 25, leaving five spots open.

Nearly all the signed recruits are either all-conference or all-state products.

The remaining 22 recruits include: Pete Marinkovich, a 6'2" linebacker from Omaha Ryan; Rod Kush, a 6'0" 175 lb. defensive back from Burke; Mat Garrean, a 6'0" 195 lb. cornerback from Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson; Scott Linder, a 6'2" 195 lb. quarterback from Plattsmouth.

Also, Charlie Greene, a 5'10" 165 lb. slotback, wide receiver from Benson (who has run a 9.6 100); Gordon Sims, a 6'0" 195 lb. strong safety from Central; Kevin Quinn, a 6'3" 205 lb. quarterback from Roncalli (who had a 40 yard punting average last year).

Frank Szeliga, a 6'1" quarterback (who will be switched to defensive back) from Gross; Jim Ridder, a 6'2" 190 lb. linebacker from West Point Central Catholic; Brian Ubben, a 6'6" 195 lb. linebacker from Raymond Central; Tim Richards, a 6'1" 215 lb. offensive guard from Bellevue; Edward Anderson, a 6'2" 195 lb. tight-end from Central.

Still more recruits: Brian Martin, a 6'1" 195 lb. fullback from Clay Center, Kans.; William Rucker, a 6'0" 185 lb. quarterback (who will be shifted to corner back) from North; Sam Wilcoxson, a 6'0" 212 lb. fullback from South; Tom Sindelar, a 6'3" 200 lb. defensive tackle from Ryan; Bruce Perdue, a 6'0" 170 lb. quarterback also from Ryan; and Dave Kofod, a fullback, linebacker candidate from Creighton Prep.

According to Danenhauer, spring practice will start March 31st.



UNO's basketball Mavericks look almost like a modern dance troupe in this "scene" from their victory over Kearney State.

'Sheer Determination' Carries Mavs To Track Victory

Sheer determination, and two outstanding individual performances, resulting in school records, carried UNO's track team past Kearney State, 76-55, in a dual meet Friday night at the Fieldhouse.

Freshman Larry Irwin brought the crowd to its feet, as he nosed out Randy Hanson of Kearney for third place in the two-mile run. That event turned a close 55-53 match into a 21-2 rout the rest of the way.

In fact, going into the two mile run, the Mavericks trailed the Antelopes by a single point, 50-49. But Neal Hermismeyer easily won the event for UNO, setting the stage for the wild finish.

Irwin, who had been informed Monday by Assistant Coach Elliot Evans he would be held out of action for the last two meets, found out only Thursday, the day before the meet, that he was running in the Friday event.

But the way he ran, you never would have known it.

Though pressed the last 100 yards, Irwin won by inches, an amazing accomplishment for a man who had not practiced all week.

Irwin noted after the race, "I've never been so

tired in my life."

Just as exciting was the finish to the 600 yard run. Again the race, was just as important. The Mavericks trailed 37-35 going into it, and needed points to stay close to Kearney in the team standings.

Freshman Jim Kane and senior All-American Greg Rosenbaum provided the heroics. Rosenbaum grabbed the lead from Kane with about 120 yards to go. Kane appeared to tire and dropped three yards behind Rosenbaum and was challenged on the turn by Bill Prince of Kearney.

However, Kane rose to the occasion, and held off Prince's challenge, and then made a bid to pass Rosenbaum. Kane caught him at the wire for the win.

Freshman Joey Smith set the Fieldhouse triple jump record with a jump of 47'6½", breaking the old mark of 45'10½" set last year by Yeoman Smith.

Fran Borowiak won the 176 intermediate hurdles with an excellent time of 20.2, cutting off more than a second off his previous best in that event.

As far as coming to UNO, Borowiak noted, "It's

been good because of the early jump on the season you get here."

Results:

Field Events:

Long Jump — Brad Stallings, KS, 22-8; Joey Smith, UNO, 21-11½; and Lonnie Allison, KS, 21-8¾.
Shot Put — Marvin Reichert, KS, 46-9¼; Bob Buchta, UNO, 45-6¼; and Dick Buchta, UNO, 42-11.
Triple Jump — Joey Smith, UNO 47-6½ (New UNO record); Bill Degen, KS, 45-10½; and Kevin Wimmer, KS, 38-11.
Pole Vault — Rex Carter, KS, 14-0; Jack Cooney, UNO, 14-0, a tie; Monte Pierce, KS, 12-6; and Neal Woollen, KS, 12-6.
High Jump — Tim Mahanna, KS, 6-4; Tom Schrad, UNO, 6-2; and Brad Stallings, KS, 6-2.

Track Events:

1 Mile Run — Barney Hill, UNO, 4:16.9; Chuck Maser, KS, 4:20.1; and Neal Hermismeyer, UNO, 4:42.1.
60 Yard Dash — Tommie Smith, UNO, :06.4; Sam Evans, UNO, :06.5, and Lonnie Allison, KS, likewise with a time of :06.5.
60 High Hurdles — Randy Butts, KS, :07.6; Frank Borowiak, UNO, :07.7; and Terry Lewis, KS, :07.8.
600 Yard Run — Jim Kane, UNO, 1:15.3; Greg Rosenbaum, UNO, 1:15.4; Bill Prince, KS, 1:15.6.
440 Yard Dash — Dave Aden, KS, 51.6; Ken Snell, KS, 52.0; and Jim Clark, UNO, 53.1.
176 Intermediate Hurdles — Frank Borowiak, UNO, 20.2 (New UNO record); Randy Butts, KS, 20.9; and Terry Lewis, KS, 21.8.
Two Mile Run — Neal Hermismeyer, UNO, 9:34.5; Jack Soukup, KS, 10:00.5; and Larry Irwin, UNO 10:07.9.
1,000 Yard Run — Barney Hill, UNO, 2:16.5; Dave Micheels, UNO, 2:19.2; and Chuck Maser, KS, 2:22.4.
880 Yard Dash — Rick Schulze, UNO 2:00.4, Bruce Westerlin, UNO 2:00.6; and Stan Mencke, KS, 2:01.6.
1 Mile Relay — UNO (Greenberg, Clark, Kane, Rosenbaum) 3:31.2; KS, 3:31.4.

Hockey Team Closes Out Season

UNO's Hockey Club will close out its 1974-75 hockey season this Thursday night against Creighton, a team they earlier smashed 9-0.

Coach Keith Walsh's crew,

coming off their whirlwind trip to St. Cloud, Minnesota, will be attempting to end the season on a high note. For the most part, the Mavericks have played respectable hockey.

Walsh and Assistant Coach

Jack Webster would like to see a big crowd on hand for the finale. In Webster's words, "These kids have worked hard all season. They deserve your vocal support."

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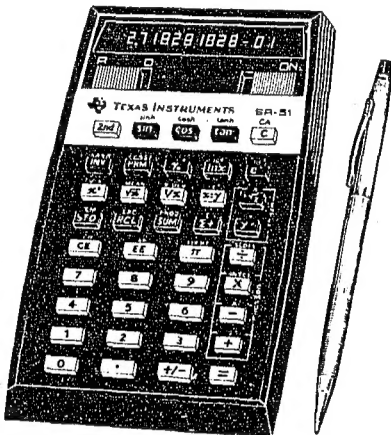
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